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February 27, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Pettit Formation, Sibley Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Pettit Formation in the Sibley Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana:

1.   To authorize Applicant to complete, designate and utilize its CTC Minerals No. 1 Well as the substitute unit well for PET SUI, said well being located as shown on the attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 148-B, effective April 17, 1952.

2.   To find that the proposed substitute unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the hydrocarbons in the Pettit Formation underlying PET SUI which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within such unit.

3.   To designate Applicant as Operator of PET SUI.

4.   To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Pettit Formation in the Sibley Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 148-B, effective April 17, 1952.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any

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such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant <u>at the expense of the requesting party</u>.
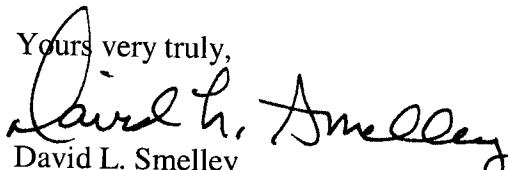
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plat, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Sibley Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley
Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
        Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encls.)
        Mr. Jerry McAnulty (w/encls.)
        Ms. Shirley Galik (w/encls.)
        Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
        Interested Owners, Represented Parties
        and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

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R-9-W   13   R-8-W   18

NELSON TREAT 1   7500
PET RB SU A 14
PET RB SU B
L. L. & E. CRICHTON 1   11850
NELSON CRICHTON 1   11548
PLYMOUTH CRICHTON 1   8007
PET VU B
NELSON JAMES 1   9215
NELSON RAMBIN 1   9057
PLYMOUTH ALEXANDER 1 1A   7235
NELSON RAMBIN 9100
PET RA SU D
EL PASO SMITH 1G   9999
EL PASO HAYES PLYMOUTH SMITH 1 A-1 ALT   9100   8005
EL PASO GUICE A-1   10100
EL PASO GUICE A-2   9100

NELSON ALEXANDER 1   7200
NELSON HAWK 1
NELSON HAWK HEIRS 1   11406
NELSON MONK 1   11586
NELSON (ARKLA) WORSHAM 9293
NELSON ARY ESTATE 1A
NELSON ARY B-1   7800
NELSON MCKINNEY A-1   9100   6900
23
PET BURSON UNIT
EL PASO HASTY 1
EL PASO PLUNKETT A-1   9217   9100
EL PASO KENNON A-1   9100
24
EL PASO COLE   9100
24-2 BURSON   9350
EL PASO BURSON 1   9045
EL PASO COLE 24-1   9100   9100
EL PASO BURSON   8550
B-1 EL PASO CONNELL   9160
EL PASO HIGHTOWER
EL PASO CTC MIN A-1   9100
9200
EL PASO WOODARD HRS A-1   9100
EL PASO WORSHAM A-1   9100
PET SU I
EL PASO BOYET 2   9055
ARCO 3 (DELTA) GLASS   8941
EL PASO BOYET 1   9200
NELSON MATTHEWS 1   7000
NELSON ROBINSON 9080
PET SU H (GIBBS UNIT)
NELSON GIBBS   9050
SENTELL GIBBS   6818
NELSON McDONALD 1   9208
NELSON WORSHAM HRS 1   9000
NELSON GIBBS A-1   9106
19
NELSON WHITE 1   10864

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PET VU A
NELSON SNEED   9035
NELSON MCKINNEY 1   9100
NELSON WORSHAM A-1   12842   861
NELSON KENNON-ARKLA FRAZIER   7155   9320
EL PASO KENNON FRAZIER A-1   9750
DELTA BURSON   6795
EL PASO GLASS EST 1
A-4   9155

NELSON WORSHAM B-1   9200
EL PASO SMITH A-1   9200
DADE SMITH 1   9100   6975
NELSON COLEMAN D-1   11101
PET 26 SU C
CYPRESS (HUGGS) SMITH 1B   9649
EL PASO HOLLEY A-2   9100
TMR (SMITH) HOLLEY 1   10863
EL PASO HOLLEY B-1   10100   9100
EL PASO GLASS EST A-2
EL PASO GLASS EST A-3   9100
PET CONNELL UNIT
EL PASO HOLLEY
EL PASO GLASS EST
EL PASO GLASS EST A-1   9242   9000
EL PASO GLASS EST A-1   9155
PET VICE UNIT
NELSON COUSSONS 1   8984
EXCEL NICHOLSON 1D   7101
ALICE-SYDNEY BUTLER 3-ALT   6800
NELSON BUTLER HEIRS 1   8973
ADA FIELD

EL PASO (NELSON) BURSON-MEARS A-2   11407
EL PASO CONNELL A-2   9750
EL PASO CONNELL A-3
PET SU A
EL PASO BURSON-MEARS A-1   9092
EL PASO CONNELL 1   9107
EL PASO (FRANKS) CONNELL 1   9110
EL PASO CRICHTON B-1   8726
ARCO CONNELL 2   6931
EL PASO CONNELL 2
25
OCC OPER. CO. VICE 1   6705
PET NICHOLSON UNIT
30
UNION WALKER UNIT 1   10383

KELLEY MEARS 1   8976
FAULCONER COOK 1D   8995
KELLEY SEAMSTERS 1   9070
KELLEY STEWART 35-1   8829
KELLEY STEWART 35-2   9150
EXCEL CRICHTON
KELLEY CRICHTON 35-1   8989
PET CRICHTON C-1   6735
EL PASO CRICHTON A-2   8925
EL PASO CRICHTON A-1   8812
PET CRICHTON UNIT 35
SKLAR BATTON 1   6810
36
PET BATTON UNIT
BUFFCO PACE 1   10605
31

KELLEY (FRANKS) BODCAW 9150
EXCEL BODCAW B-1D 2   7925
KELLEY BODCAW   6810
KELLEY BODCAW 1   8912   3
PET SU D
KELLEY LA METHODIST
A-2   9350
1D   8935
2
KELLEY LA METHODIST

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LEGEND

— — — PETTIT UNITS AS PER 148-B SERIES OF ORDERS

◯ UNIT WELL

△ PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL

NOTE: WELLS SHALLOWER THAN 6500' REMOVED FROM BASE

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SIBLEY FIELD
WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL PLAT
PET SU I

0'   1000'   2000'   3000'

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LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.